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The Board of Home Missions of the Presbyterian Church

IN THE UNITED STATES OF AMERICA

No. 156 FIFTH AVENUE, NEW YORK

REPORT OF MISSIONARY FOR QUARTER ENDING MARCH 31ST

Please forward this report to the Secretary promptly after the date mentioned.

Name of Missionary *E. E. Bromley*Name of Presbytery *Alaska*

P. O. Address

*Bayview
Alaska*

STATISTICAL REPORT

In the *Statistical Report*, under "Names of Churches and Stations," please write the name of each preaching place, following each in the spaces on the same line with information as to the quarter's work.

NAMES OF CHURCHES AND STATIONS	PREACHING SERVICES				OTHER SERVICES				MONTHLY MEETINGS FOR MISSIONARY STUDY AND PRAYER	Number of Pastoral Calls	MEMBERS RECEIVED		BAPTISMS	
	SABBATH		MID-WEEK		SABBATH		MID-WEEK				On Ex.	On Cer.	Adult	Infant
	No.	Ave. Att.	No.	Ave. Att.	No.	Ave. Att.	No.	Ave. Att.						
Honaga church	26	76	13	22			3	92	Weekly	120	4			7
Craig station	4	48							Bible study class	9				

GENERAL REPORT

In the *General Report*, please give some details of the various departments of the work, with its trials and encouragements, and any facts or incidents that will inform the Board as to the field, or interest the Home Mission givers throughout the Church at large. Both sides of this sheet may be used.

Although the Missionary was away on vacation and did not return until February 1st the above report is made out for the whole quarter.

During my absence the regular services were held each week and all parts of the church work were well looked after. Dr. S. Hall Young was here for a part of the time and my interpreter Jack Peratovich took care of the work the rest of the time.

Through the efforts of some of our best singers and the help of the United States Government school teachers, a great deal of interest has been shown in the church choir this winter. Our people love singing and have splendid voices and the choir has been an inspiration to all our regular Sunday services. Through the choir we have had a hold on our young people that we could get in no other way. We have had their presence at all the church services in large numbers, much larger numbers than ever before.

The request of the Board that our people do something toward helping pay the salary of their missionary during the year beginning April 1st. has been received and presented to the people. Dr. Young sent me a letter to be read to the people which has been done. Owing to the fact that the people have been out trapping the canvass has not been made and may not be made until fall. This is a step that our people should have taken long ago. I want to assure the Board of my hearty cooperation in this matter. Sermons on giving have been faithfully preached, and the blessings and joy of giving have been held up before our people. We have been more than glad to do this because we know the blessings

and joys of giving in our own experience and have wanted our people to share them with us. We are working and praying for a deepening of the spiritual life of these Alaska Indians. They have formally accepted christianity but we need a work of grace that will lead them to see the meaning of christianity.

Bromley
Bayview, Alaska, 7/3 '23

150, Fifth Ave. N.Y.

Dear Sirs:-

Not having a regular Monthly Report blank, I am sending the following. You will know that we are being transferred to Haines, Alaska, our mission in this same Presbytery. I have delayed sending in my report for May until the first of July so that this report would cover the entire period of our stay here in Bayview.

Copy ✓ We are expecting the Missions boats, Lois, and A.L. Lindsley, to arrive from Seattle in a few days and bring Rev. R.F. Pederson here and take myself and family to Haines.

During the most of the time covered by this report our people have been out on the trolling grounds. Through the kindness of one of our church members, R.J. Peratovich, who has been operating a small store at the fishing camp, we have been able to ~~make~~^{take} weekly trips to hold ~~mass~~ services.

Two weeks ago we were called to pass through a trying experience. A number of our children were returning from Chemawa Indian school. Among them were Winafred and Meriam Demmert, both beautiful girls just graduated from the eighth grade. While the boat on which they were traveling was at Craig, six miles from their home, an explosion resulting from one of the boats men pouring oil on a fire in the galley stove, saturated the girls clothing with oil, and they were badly burned. Just ten days later after days and nights of most intense suffering, Winafred died, and was buried from our Bayview church. The other girl, Meriam, has been in the hospital ever since.

She is gradually recovering from her burns. Charley Demmert the father of the two girls is one of our progressive men. He is operating a saw mill and had furnished lumber to a number of the large canneries this spring. He also has a small hadd pack salmon cannery.

Mrs. Demmert their mother is a graduate of Chemawa school, is the mother of a large family, an accomplished musician, and ^{highly} respected in the town. Both of the parents are members of our church choir, and the girls were interested in the Y.W.C.A. work in the school.

The accident cast a cloud over the whole village, and we all joined in doing all we could to comfort the distracted parents.

If only the people in the Presbyterian Church throughout the country who give their money to support the Home Mission work could know what it means to a small out of the way community to have a minister of the Gospel at a time such as I have just described, they would be glad to continue and in many cases increase their gifts to the great work our church is going. After what I have seen I can understand something of what the first disciples must have felt when Our Lord stood up in the boat and said, "Peace be still," to the waves and wind.

I stood in the grief stricken home where loved ones were bowed down with grief, where the very foundations of their faith were being shaken, and by repeating a few of the sure eternal promises of God, and speaking a few words to turn their thoughts away from their sorrow to the Saviour who is always with us, I saw the great billows of sorrow that were sweeping over human hearts roll back, I saw tears dried, "and there was a great calm".

I am enclosing a picture of the Bayview Church Choir, a picture of one of our out door meetings at the fishing camp, and one of the new place of worship erected at the camp.

L. E. Bromley

Newest place of Worship in Alaska Presbytery.

What is known as the "Hole in the Wall", is a land locked harbor on one of the small islands off the West Coast of Prince of Wales Island, where the storms and breakers of the wide Pacific sweep in unhindered. In this small harbor the salmon trollers have established a camp. Fishermen from seven towns gather here for the run of king salmon during the latter part of May and during the month of June. In the past years we have been priviledged to preach the Gospel to the people gathered in this camp. For the most part our services were held on the beach in the open air. Occasionally, when the weather was bad, we assembled in a small smoke house, with an open fire in the center and a smoke hole in the roof. For some time there has been a desire on the part of some of our people to build a place of worship large enough to accomadate all who cared to attend our services. On one of our visits to the camp the early part of June we were told that at a meeting held a few days before plans were made for the building of a church, as our people call it, and that part of the money was already raised. I was informed that I was on the building comittee, and was supposed to make out a bill of lumber and find out how much it would cost. Not being a carpenter I was somewhat at sea, but was determined to do my part, and figured out as best I could what we would need. The result was that by the following Sunday there was a new church building in Alaska Presbytery. It was duly dedicated as a place of worship, and stands in that lonely camp where the ocean swells roll in around the sheltered spot, where many boats find refuge when the storms drive them from the fishing grounds, as an outward expression of the faith and devotion of our christian native people.

Signed, E. E. Bromley

Bayview, Alaska

Dear Dr. Dixon:-

Instead of trying to answer the questions on the blank under A B & C I will make a general report to cover the conditions. During the month of June our people are out on the trolling grounds for the king salmon fishing. Their custom is to make camp on a small island where a considerable number of people congregate. Here we have an opportunity on Sundays to make the Gospel appeal, sometimes under unfavorable circumstances, but by catching the spirit of the camp we are able to make our message fit in to the life of the people and lead their thought to spiritual things when it seems at first that all interest is in material things.. This year I was able to get out to the camp only once during the month. I found a boat going to the camp and put my things on board. The folding organ, song books, bedding, and lunch box, and a good sized bundle of papers to give to those who like to read. Instead of reaching camp in about four hours as we should we had engine trouble and drifted around at the mercy of the waves until we were able to hail a passing boat and were taken in tow and reached the end of our journey in the middle of the night. I rolled my blankets on the floor of the pilot house of a native fish boat for the rest of the night. Now you have to be in Alaska and ride on one of these fish boats to appreciate just what sleeping under those circumstances means. To say that the boat was dirty does not express all that is necessary to (over)

say. But by keeping the door and windows open I was able to get enough fresh air to enable me to sleep. The next day being Saturday I mingled with the fishermen and went out on the trolling grounds with my line for a while and made myself one of them. I was able to share their joys and disappointments as I talked with them. On Sunday morning after another night on the floor in the fish boat I held our service in the open air on the beach. As the Drum beat the people came out of their tents or smoke houses and gathered around the organ played by one of our native men. During the singing of one of the songs a dog fight started and the barking of the dogs for a moment almost eclipsed everything else, but a few well directed kicks dispersed the intruders and the service went on as though nothing had happened. I felt that it was a helpful service. I had to return on Sunday evening as there was a boat that I could get to bring me home.

The Alaska Native Brotherhood Forges

to the Front.

One of the by-products of Alaska Mission work is the Alaska Native Brotherhood. The Womans Board of Home missions through the Sheldon Jackson School at Sitka, and the churches in the Presbytery of Alaska, have both contributed largely to the personnel of this growing group of the younger men in our villages. The organization is in no way connected with the church, but the leaders are members of our different churches, and are alive to the fact that the church must continue to be the great mould in which the character of its membership is cast, if the Alaska Native Brotherhood is to realize its ideals and carry out the purpose ~~for~~^{for} which it was organized.

The Alaska Native Brotherhood is the result of a desire to unite the young manhood of the Alaska Native. Instead of the different tribes and villages widely separated, working alone, there is a strong desire to unite and cooperate. There is great need of united effort to meet the industrial crisis resulting from the depletion of the fish in the salmon streams, and the devastation of the fur bearing animals and the wild game. The leaders of the Alaska Native Brotherhood are spending their best efforts to secure adequate legislation ~~and~~ to meet present needs and provide for the future.

The Annual Convention was held this year in the Bayview Presbyterian Church, November 13 - 18. During the business sessions of the convention many references were made to the Sheldon Jackson School. In the Sunday evening church service following the close of the convention, we asked all who had at any time attended the Sheldon Jackson School to stand. Almost before the request was made twenty six leaped to their feet eager to be counted as former

students of that influential center of education and christian training. Among those standing were William Wells, his hair now silvery gray, and one of the first to enter when the school was started; Andrew Hope, the new President of the Grand Camp of the Alaska Native Brotherhood; Louis Paul, the retiring president; William L. Paul, Secretary of the Grand Camp, and champion of the struggling native race.

From all indications this organization will continue to attract, as it does at the present time, the strong young men in almost every village. Rightly directed these men should become the medium through which new ideals and new visions of life will find expression. Here as in no other place will be crystalized and expressed the best thought of the Alaska native. Thirteen villages were represented in the convention this year. Any one looking into the faces of these men would say they were serious and thoughtful. They were there for a purpose. It is not an easy matter to travel long distances on the waters of Southeastern Alaska in November. Yet these men had faced the dangers and hardships of travel to get to the convention; and they were rewarded. The discussions of the moral, educational, and industrial problems were constructive in character, and most comprehensive. They inspired confidence and hope.

Now while we applaud the activities of this organization, we are face to face with a great task for the churches. The church must continue to hold and influence these men. The older men and women who have not learned the english language are the back bone of the church today. The church of tomorrow will be made up of the younger people. The members of the Alaska Native Brotherhood, who have assumed leadership in temporal things, must also continue to

become leaders in our churches. If we are to hold these strong young men we must keep in close touch with their activities. They are vitally concerned with the development and welfare of their race, and the church must hold their confidence and interest. At present the convention platform is open to the missionaries. And here is an opportunity to unite the religious thought and life of our people with every other vital interest. To make them see that religion is not simply another burden added to a life already overburdened, but that in christianity they will find strength and wisdom for all other problems. This opportunity must not be overlooked.

*The mail
promising report*
Bayview Civic Improvement.

A year ago there was no place in the village large enough for a play ground. Our athletic club, heretofore confined entirely to indoor sports, were ambitious to have a base ball field. The only space available was a mass of stumps and rotten logs, besides being very rough and of an uneven surface. The boys assisted by some of the older men went into this wilderness of stumps with axe and ~~pattock~~, and other tools for clearing and leveling. With these tools and a little giant powder used on the larger stumps they have worked a wonderful transformation. We now have the beautiful field that you see in the enclosed picture. It is still small, so the boys are again at work, after the close of the fishing season, bent on having their athletic field regulation size. This is the only field large enough for athletics on the West coast of Prince of Wales Island. It is a great attraction as our people love out door sports as well as basket ball and other indoor games. This field joining the lot on which the Government public school is built near the entrance of the harbor adds greatly to the general appearance of the village.

After I have worked with the men and boys on a project of this kind, I find it much easier to appeal to them to join me in improving the manhood and womanhood of the village by enlarging the activities of the church and rallying to its support. We have made our town beautiful now let us make our young people more attractive than any spot of ground can be made by teaching them the life of Jesus and his way of living. A beautiful town is as nothing in comparison with a beautiful christian life.

MAY 31 1921

Bayview Alaska

5/31 '21

Dr. John Dixon, New York City

156 Fifth Ave.

Dear Dr. Dixon :-

I am writing you in regard to our vacation. It will be five years in June since we came to our field and according to the instructions we received we have four months vacation for us. Having spent these years here by ourselves without the fellowship of others interested in spiritual things we feel deeply the need of a short course of Bible study. We would like to go to the Los Angeles Bible Institute this fall or winter. Can we count on the Board granting us four months leave or absence from our field with salary and traveling expenses? I am writing now so we can perfect our plans and find out how much of the time the Board will require my services for speaking.

We have received word indirectly that Dr. S. Hall Young is to be in Wrangell for two months, and we are hoping to have him visit us here in Bayview.

Sincerely, E. E. Bromley

John Dixon
May 1st, 1916

June 1, 1921.

Rev. E. E. Bromley,

Bayview, Alaska.

My dear Mr. Bromley:-

Your letter of May twenty-first concerning vacation due you this summer, has been received during Dr. Dixon's absence from the office. He will return next Monday and your request will be given prompt attention by him.

Sincerely yours,

I. [Signature] For Dr. Dixon.

June 6, 1921.

Rev. E. E. Bromley,

Bayview, Alaska.

My dear Mr. Bromley:-

Your favor of May the twenty-first has been received during my absence from the office. I am much perplexed by reason of the fact that no request came from the Presbytery for your vacation expenses and no provision has been made in the appropriation to the Presbytery for such expenses. Mr. Buchanan's expenses have been provided for.

You are clearly entitled to your long vacation, but I venture to raise the question that, inasmuch as we had not been notified of your intention by the Presbytery at the time when the estimate for the coming year was sent in, and in view of the further fact that the Board is so seriously embarrassed in its finances, would it be possible for you to postpone your vacation for a year without serious inconvenience to yourself and to your family? I need not assure you, I hope, how deeply I regret the necessity for raising this question, but frankly, if you insist upon your rights I do not know where the money is to come from to pay the expenses.

With best wishes, I am,

Cordially yours,

AUG 5 - 1921

Bayview, Alaska

7/21 '21

Dr. Dixon
John Dixon D.D., 156 Fifth Ave. N.Y.

Dear Dr. Dixon:-

I wrote to you some time ago regarding our vacation of four months which is due us this year. I received your reply some time ago stating that the expense of our vacation was not included in the Pres. report. I expected Dr. S. Hall Young here for a few days and so I delayed writing you again until I had talked the matter over with him. He has just left and you will hear from him soon. I told him that if the Board would give their approval ~~that~~ we would take our vacation this year and pay our own expenses and ~~th~~ that the account could be included in next years budget.

Our expense account for our vacation was not included this year because I did not get to the meeting of Presbytery. The Meeting was to be held in the Church here as Bayview with our own people, but the last thing the men in the North end of the Presbytery changed the place of meeting to Juneau and word did not reach us in time to go ~~on~~ to get in our reports. There was no way to communicate with the Presbytery until after the meeting had closed.

We are anxious to go out this year because we think it imperative that our little girl aged nine years have a change of climate. She ~~has~~ has chronic throat trouble that has kept her in the house nearly all winter the past two years. Our plan is to put her in school in Cal. and Mrs. Bromley will remain with her until school is closed next spring.

We will be glad to hear from you regarding this matter soon.

Sincerely,

E. E. Bromley

August 8, 1921.

Rev. Eugene E. Bromley,
Bayview, Alaska.

My dear Dr. Bromley:

It gives me pleasure to report to you that at the meeting of the Executive Council just held, it was voted to accept your proposition to take your prolonged vacation at once, and await the reimbursement of your expenses until next year. I trust that your plans are such that you can start immediately.

Our hearts go out to you in deepest sympathy at your child's condition requiring immediate attention. Our prayer is that she may be guided from above, and that she may be speedily restored to health, that the vacation may be of benefit to you and your family, and that your return may witness increased vigor and spiritual equipment.

We are sure that both you and Mr. Bruce will see to it that expenses involved during your absence will be held down to the minimum point, consistent with the proper supervision of the field. With best wishes, I am

Very cordially yours,

JD:CH

SEP 20 1921

Bayview, Alaska

9/10 '21

Dr. J. A. Marquis,

356 Fifth Ave. N.Y.

My Dear Dr. Marquis:-

During July we had the very great privilege of having Dr. S. Hall Young with us for a few days. He brought Mr. W. E. Story our new missionary at Hydaburg to his field. I met him and his friend Rev. Mr. Rheinholdt there and took them over my large field. He came in close touch with every phase of our work and knows the problems the missionaries on the field are facing today. When he goes before the large churches and special gatherings to speak of Alaska mission work he will be able to give them first hand information. He went away from our field enthusiastic over the progress our mission has made and over the outlook for the future.

Now some of us here in Alaska want the Board of Home Missions to know that we think such a visit from one of the Board members or some one representing the Board should be undertaken frequently, every year if possible. I think Dr. Young has visited every mission station in this Presbytery. I think Dr. Young's trip has been one of the most encouraging and profitable visits that has been made in the Presbytery since I came to Alaska thirteen years ago.

Sincerely, *E. E. Brundley*
Missionary

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Ketchikan, Alaska, May, 14th, 1922

Dear Rev. Bromley:-

Almost two weeks had elapsed, that we had attended your church, but still the sparks of brotherly and sisterly ties are rather strengthened on our part than they are cooled. Long, had been always our desire to attend the church in the town of "Bay View", _ A town that is pushing forward and not to detract - but "Time", had always rentlessly pressed us, giving us therefore no chance to do so.

Severed from the fields of the Philippine Islands, to the pursuits of the United States of America, and drifted ashores by the march of human destiny - to a land strange and new to us - Our ownly greatest delight and choisest pleasure is to go to the "House of God", where some one like you can give a word of advice to us.

We had broken our promise, for we failed to attend the church last Sunday. But to find out the truth and honesty - certain circumstances had blocked our way. Even though we were absent, but our spirit are always present. This coming Sunday, I can assure you, if the weather will permit us, that is **if** the dark clouds shall turn into a lustrous sky.

Respectfully yours,

Eliseo Landrero.

JUN 2 - 1922

Bayview, Alaska

5/20 '22

Dr. John Dixon, 156, 5th. Ave. N.Y.

My Dear Dr. Dixon:-

I am in receipt of a letter from Dr.

S. Hall Young in which he asks me to write to you regarding the money that was to be granted to Jack Peratovich, for services here in Bayview during my absence last winter. Dr. Young states that he had a letter from the Board saying that Jack's money had been sent. Jack tells me that he has never received his money. If that is the case it is time the matter was looked into. If Jack's check has actually been sent and the canceled check not returned would you kindly let me know.

I also want to write you about another matter. Last year money was appropriated for shingles to reshingle the Manse here in Bayview. I did not get notice that the money was granted in time to get the work done during the summer, which is the only time it is safe to attempt work of that kind, and also the only time of the year when I have enough spare moments to look after the work. This year we have again asked for an appropriation for the same work. If possible I would like to know at once whether the money is to be granted. We have a local shingle mill where I can save freight on the shingles if they can be ordered during the first part of June. Otherwise I will have to pay freight from Wrangell one hundred and twenty miles. The local mill will not be operating after the fishing season opens in July.

Sincerely,
E. E. Bronley

Check held
also in file
Blum Brown

What is it now
not in file

on Bayview
9 May 1922

not in file

June 5, 1922.

Rev. E. E. Bromley,
Bayview,
Alaska.

My dear Mr. Bromley:--

I have your letter of May twentieth. The checks for Jack Peratrovich and John Brown were duly drawn by the Treasurer and held awaiting orders as to how they should be sent. The Treasurer's office will send you the check for Jack Peratrovich and also send to Dr. Young the check for Brown.

Concerning the matter of repairs, I regret very much the lack of information and the misunderstanding that have arisen concerning this item in the budget for Alaska. Kindly permit me to make a statement in regard to the matter.

First of all, during the year 1921-22 the Board made an appropriation of \$475. for repairs in a lump sum. It was never distributed amongst the various buildings needing repairs by the Home Mission Committee of Presbytery. Drafts were made upon it by Dr. Condit and by Dr. Young following the custom of years that the General Missionary should make the requisition on the Board for the amounts needed. In addition to the requests from Drs. Condit and Young, certain payments were made upon the authority of Dr. Patterson in this office, who at that time had charge of property affairs. There was also a payment of \$25. for repairs at the Kake manse. All of these sums more than exhausted the amount appropriated by the Board for repairs for 1921-22 and the overdraft was covered at the request of Dr. Patterson by an additional appropriation. This is the story so far as last year is concerned.

In the original estimate of the Home Mission Committee for the year 1922-23, there were only two items under the head of repairs,-- one was for \$50. for repairs at the manse at Haines and the other was for \$150. for emergency repairs. A revised estimate was received later after the Presbytery met, giving three items of repairs as follows: \$50. for manse repairs at Haines, \$225. at Bayview, and \$150. for emergency repairs. No provision was made for Bayview this year, seeing that the final schedule contains only the two items for Haines and emergency repairs, which was thus distributed by the Presbytery when the appropriation was made. If something is to be done for Bayview, it may be charged to the emergency item of \$150.

And with all good wishes, I am,

Very sincerely yours,

JD/I.

Bayview Alaska, 6/16 '22

Dear Dr. Dixon:-

When I received the new monthly report blanks my regular voucher that we had been using the past year was in the mail, so I did not fill out the new blank for last month.

Our regular church services were unusually well attended this year during the month of May. More of our people remained in the village than usually stay during May, and the church choir kept up their regular practice and that brought all the young people to the services.

The regular Sunday evening sermons were evangelistic in nature and we trust that the truth of the Gospel was implanted in the hearts of our young people that attended in such large numbers.

We feel greatly handicapped this year because we have no way of getting to Craig and out to the fishing camps. The Mission boat Tornado is entirely out of commission and we have to wait until we can find a boat going our way before we can go at all. Such a method of getting around in this part of Alaska where regular common carriers do not run is most impractical. Our work at Craig is most unsatisfactory because we cannot be regular and cannot announce our services before hand not knowing when we can get there.

I am enclosing a copy of a letter received from one of the men working at the Klawock cannery, which shows that our mission reaches some of the imported laborers as well as our own native people. I thought you would be interested in reading what this simple minded Philip ^{said}.

Sincerely, E. E. Bromley

AUG 3 - 1922 8/4/22

HOME MISSION COMMITTEE
AND
VACANCY AND SUPPLY

REV. GEORGE G. BRUCE, D. D., CH., JUNEAU, ALASKA
REV. E. L. WINTERBERGER, SKAGWAY, ALASKA
REV. DAVID WAGGONER, JUNEAU, ALASKA

PRESBYTERY
OF ALASKA

Juneau, Alaska
July 21. 1922.

REV. DAVID WAGGONER,
JUNEAU, ALASKA
STATED CLERK AND TREASURER

REV. S. HALL YOUNG, D. D.
GENERAL MISSIONARY
JUNEAU, ALASKA

Rev. John Dixon, D.D.
New York.

Dear Dr. Dixon:--

Mrs. Bruce and I returned from vacation yesterday. After a conference with Rev. Waggoner regarding the matter of Mr. Bromley's vacation we have decided that it would be best for the Board to have the decisions in regard to vacations for missionaries without reference to our committee. I trust this will seem satisfactory to you. I am returning Mr. Bromley's letter and vacation expense.

The boat arrives tomorrow with Dr. Young, Dr. Hays, Mr. Banks, and Mrs. Kleinschmidt and the girls. I have not learned if the eastern men have their wives with them, we hope they have.

Today is the first sunny day this month. It has been very uncomfortable here and cold.

Sincerely yours,

Geo. G. Bruce

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August 4, 1922.

Rev. George G. Bruce, D.D.,
Juneau,
Alaska.

My dear Dr. Bruce:-

I am enclosing the envelope which contained your letter of July twenty-first, which will explain our failure to receive it promptly.

We had hoped that the Home Mission Committee would have met the responsibility which they have desired the Board to recognize as resting upon them and so have said, yea or nay, on Mr. Bromley's bill. The Board construes your unwillingness to say No, as tacit approval and therefore have ordered that the bill be paid.

Cordially yours,

Enclosure-

JD/I.

December activities at Bayview.

For our Christmas program we undertook something more elaborate than usual. We secured a picture of the town of Bethlehem, twenty seven feet long and nine feet high. It was large enough to cover the entire front of the building where the program was given. With this for a background we gave the Pageant "Bethlehem". The picture, costumes, and colored lights all made a very attractive program. The older people here who do not read and even those who do said it was just like looking at the people who lived at the time Christ was born, as they saw the Shepherds and Wise men come in and tell what they had seen and heard and pointed to the star which was plainly seen over the Church of the Nativity.

On Newyears Eve we held a Watch Night service at Craig. The service started at nine oclock with the regular songs, special Anthems by a shorus of boys and girls, and sermon. Following this with an intermission and light refreshments. Closing with a program of recitations, songs, and New Years resolutions. The meeting was very well attended and much interest manifest.

E. E. Bramley

Missionary (E E Bromley)
Presby Wash. Presby Alaska field Bayview, Alaska
Rune F Pederson

Monthly report for Feb. A - Evangelism.

The first week in Feb. the Christian Endeavor Society from Hydaburg visited here and evangelistic meetings were held each evening. About thirty five of the Hydaburg people were here and were entertained in the homes of the Bayview people. The meetings were lively and enthusiastic. Street meetings were held before the regular meeting.

A large number of professing christians were led to renew their promise of faithfulness, family and personal troubles were settled, and a number professed faith in Christ for the first time. Three were received into the church and more will come in as soon as arrangements can be made. It is exceedingly difficult to tabulate the permanent good resulting from meetings of this character held among our native people. When personal invitation is given some will come forward and make public confession of faith when they are not ready to continue in the christian life. However the Gospel has been preached and the invitation given, believing that the Gospel of Jesus Christ is the power of God unto salvation.

